be given the highest priority. Recommendations of Chakravarty Committee are not at variance with the approach of the Reserve Bank of India to bank lending to priority sector.

(d) Does not arise.

Loan from Asian Development Bank

1079. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asian Development Bank has approved a loan of US 100 million dollar to India; and

(b) if so, what are the projects which will be financed by this loan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Asian Development Bank has approved a loan of U.S. dollar 100 million to the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) at its Board meeting on 3rd April, 1986. The purpose of the ADB loan is to help ICICI meet part of the foreign exchange requirements of private enterprises in the industrial sector. ICICI will utilise the loan for re-leeding to industrial enterprises. While such re-lending would be aimed mainly at assisting the modernisation of existing industrial production facilities, a portion may also be used to establish new enterprises designed to introduced new technology in India.

Committee to look into Safety requirement of mines

1080. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed a committee to look into the safety requirements in mines;

(b) if so, what are the terms of reference of the committee; and

(c) by when it is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Unsatisfactory conditions in glass factory in Firozabad, Uttar Pradesh

1081. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the most dangerous and hazardous conditions under which the workers particularly the children are required to work and the inhuman treatment meted out to them in the glass factories in Firozabad in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, whether Government have made any assessment of the working conditions prevailing in the glass factories in Firozabad, if so, what are the details thereof and what steps are being taken by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The Factories Act, 1948 prohibits the employment of children below the age of 14 years in any factory. Enforcement of the provisions of the Factories Act, 1948, in the glass factories is the responsibility of the State Governments. As reported by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, 88 children employed in 21 factories have been found to be below the age of 14 years and legal action has been initiated against the factories concerned. A team of officers of the Labour Department of Uttar Pradesh have also been deputed to enquire into the matter.

Opening of Divisional Office of LIC in Jammu and Kashmir

1082. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Divisional Office of Life Insurance Corporation is likely to be opened in Jammu and Kashmir;